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A limited number of spaces have been made available for accredited newsmen who wish to observe a major Atlantic Fleet exercise in the Caribbean.

The exercise, known as PHIBRIGLEX 62, will take place in the Caribbean during the period October 15-30 and will involve 40 ships and more than 20,000 men. Newsmen may embark in a Navy four-engine transport departing from the Naval Air Facility, Andrews Air Force Base, on October 21 and returning to Washington on October 25.

The climax of PHIBRIGLEX 62 will involve a land, sea and air assault on the mythical republic of Vieques. A brigade of Marines are being embarked at Morehead City, North Carolina, today, and will storm the beaches of Vieques from amphibious ships of the Atlantic Fleet, by helicopter and landing craft on October 23.

The following schedule of events will be arranged for visiting newsmen:

- 21 October Depart NAF Andrews 0800 for NAS Roosevelt Roads. Tour of base and briefing. RON BOQ.
- 22 October Embark in USS MT. MCKINLEY, flagship of the amphibious task force. Briefing by Vice Admiral Horacio Rivero, USN, Commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and members of his staff. Briefing on landing force by Brigadier General R. McC. Tompkins, USMC, and members of his staff. Observe landing rehearsal from various types of amphibious ships.
- 23 October Observe landing from beach at Vieques and Marines in action ashore. Depart for St. Thomas. Remain overnight.
- 24 October Depart St. Thomas for Naval Station San Juan. Briefing on Caribbean Area by Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier. RON BOQ
- 25 October Depart San Juan for NAF Andrews via NAS Norfolk, arriving Washington early afternoon.

Accredited newsmen who wish to cover this series of events may sign up at the Navy News Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Room 2E757, The Pentagon, or call OXford 76161. Additional details may be obtained from Commander R. L. Bufkins by calling OXford 52530.

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